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T WHARF HAD 20 ARRIVALS.

And All Had Ground Fish
Except Two With
Tinker Mackerel.

T wharf had 20 arrivals this morning, groundfish and swordfish being in abundant quantity with prices good on all grades of fish.

Besides this there was a trip of mackerel, sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson having 8000 fresh tinkers, while yesterday afternoon, the Nellie Dixon landed six barrels of tinkers.

Haddock sold at \$2 to \$3.75, large cod, \$6.50 to \$7, market cod, \$4 to \$5, hake, \$2 to \$3, pollock, \$3 to \$4, halibut 12 cents a pound and swordfish 11 1-2 cents right through.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Str. Crest, 60,000 haddock, 7000 cod. Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 26,000 haddock, 1400 cod, 35,000 hake.

Sch. Emilia Enos, 18,000 haddock, 13,000 cod 15,000 hake, 4000 pollock. Sch. Eva Avina, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 5500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod, 1200 pollock, 4 swordfish.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1700 cod, 8500 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 5500 cod, 14,000 pollock, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Nettle Franklin, 20,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Arbitrator, 25,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Rob Roy, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 10,000 hake, 12 swordfish, 700 halibut.

Sch. Saladin, 8000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 27 swordfish.

Sch. Esther Gray, 87 swordfish.

Sch. Flavilla, 107 swordfish.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 73 swordfish.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 13,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1500 halibut.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, 6 bbls, fresh tinker mackerel.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$6.50 to \$7; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$3 to \$4; halibut, 16 cents for white and 12 cents for gray; swordfish, 11 1-2 cents and 12 cents per pound.

FULTON FISH MARKET NOTES.

The smacks landed less than a quarter of a million pounds of fish at the market up to last Friday noon, says the Fishing Gazette. To be accurate there was 249,335 pounds of bluefish, sea bass and porgies. There were 34 trips in all. Last week 28 smacks landed 698,600 pounds of fish.

There were 25 trips of bluefish, against 21 last week. This week the weight of the bluefish was 120,775 pounds, against 297,800 pounds last week. There was one trip of small blues averaging two pounds each, 5000 fish; and 31,650 fish averaging in weight 3 1-2 pounds each. Bluefish were high in price, 14 to 15 cents being the quotation on Wednesday. During Saturday and Monday small bluefish sold as low as 8 cents. The average price for the week was a trifle over 12 cents per pound, as against 9 1-2 cents last week.

Groundfish was scarce and in some cases very high in price this week. This was the case concerning teak, which sold as high as a shilling a lb. In many cases purchasers would not pay the price and in order to fill orders it was necessary to bring steak cod out of the freezer. Steak cod during the first three days of the week sold at 8 1-2 to 9 cents per pound. Wednesday the price was 11 to 12 cents; Thursday, a shilling, and Friday, 10 cents.

There was steak cod in the market on one day only, Wednesday, when the price was 6 to 7 cents per pound.

Haddock brought 5 cents per pound during the entire week, with the exception of Wednesday when some sales were made as low as 2 1-2 cents per pound.

Hake sold as high as 8 cents a lb. on Thursday. The previous day the quotation was 5 to 6 cents. During the first half of the week the price was 4 cents. Friday sales were made at 3 to 5 cents.

Pollock sold at 7 cents or more every day with the exception of Friday. From Saturday to Wednesday the quotation was 7 to 8 cents. On Thursday the price jumped to 9 cents. On Friday the quotation was 5 to 6 cents.

There were few mackerel in the market. From Saturday to Tuesday sales were made at 40 cents. There were a few fish to be had on Thursday at 50 cents. Tinkers were scarce.

There was no halibut in the market on Friday. During the earlier part of the week, western whitefish sold at 8 to 10 cents per pound and eastern fish at 11 to 15 cents.

Harty Going Seining.

Capt Charles H. Harty has taken command of steamer R. J. Kellick in the mackerel seining fishery.

Salt Steamer Coming.

Steamer Hardanger sailed from Trapani for this port, with salt, July 24.

July 30. DIFFERENCE IN BEAM AND OTTER.

Former Trawl Is Cumbersome, Latter Can be
Dragged Deep.

The average landsman, and, indeed many fishermen, are confused in respect to the difference between beam and otter trawling says the Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard. The beam trawl is so called from the beam employed to keep the net open. The net is the shape of a long triangular bag, the upper side of the mouth being laced to a beam supported on iron "heads" or runners which rise it above the ground. The lower side is fastened to a ground rope which drags along the bottom.

The otter trawl is a net formed on exactly the same principal but in this case, the beam is dispensed with and the mouth of the net is kept open by means of two boards measuring about five or six feet in width and ten feet in length, attached to both ends of the mouth of the net, from fifty to one hundred feet apart, according to the size of the net.

The two ropes by which the steamer drags the net are fastened one to each board, and are so adjusted that as the vessel steams ahead, the pressure of the water on the inner face of the boards causes the board to divulge from one to another, and run along edgewise on the bottom. By this means the head rope to which the upper side of the mouth of the net is laced is stretched to its fullest extent and at the same time is raised above the bottom. The use of the otter board enables the cumbersome trawl beam to be dispensed with and allows the area of the mouth of the net to be twice as large, thus doubly increasing the catching power of the otter trawl over the beam trawl. The otter trawl has the further advantage that it can be operated in much greater depths. Otter trawls are now operated in depths of from 200 to 300 fathoms.

PROTEST BIG GUN FIRING.

Noank, Conn., fishermen have sent to the secretary of the navy a formal protest against the firing of big guns in target practice off Fisher's Island and in the Race during slack water. The fishermen contend that the heavy gun firing causes the lobsters to keep away from the fishing grounds, which means that most of those engaged in the business will probably be on the verge of bankruptcy if the catch grows smaller. This is a very serious affair, and something should be done immediately, they think, to remedy the evil, which happens each season and always when the lobsters are due. There is also much danger to the fishermen getting in the firing zone when they are prevented from hauling their gear while the firing is going on. Much loss of fishing gear is also caused by this annoyance, and there is no prospect of replacing their losses if the firing continues.

Portland Fish Notes.

These are the busiest of times for the porgy factories at Moxey Cove, New Harbor. The steamers of the Atlantic Fisheries Co. are rushing menhaden to the factories in large quantities and there they are being turned into oil and fertilizer. None of the fish are being caught off the Maine coast as yet, but it is only a question of days before they will begin to show up.

So great is the amount of work being done at the factory that barrels for the oil are being rushed to the spot from all directions. The schooner Storm King took 150 from Portland Sunday and the schooner Thomas Hicks will have 550 barrels for the same place when she sails today.

Capt. Doughty, skipper of the sloop Lucania, was Monday wishing he had been able to land more than 1500 lbs. of halibut off the Cape. Halibut have been very scarce during the past two weeks, so Capt. Doughty was able to get top notch prices for his fare. He was paid 14 cents a pound right through by C. A. Studley & Co. His fare of 2000 pounds of large cod was also snapped up. For the whole trip, the little schooner stocked better than \$300.

Cod, haddock and other ground fish still continue scarce these days and not enough are being received to supply the market.

July 31. SWORDFISHERMEN WERE HARD HIT.

Two Had Heavy Three Days Gale
on Brown's Bank.

The Portland swordfisherman, Katie L. Palmer and sch. W. H. Reed of this port, had one of the toughest trips of the season recently and for three days, they were battered by a heavy gale. During that time the little Palmer with Capt. Humphrey Sinnett and his crew of eight men were tossed at the mercy of the seas. Dories and water casks were swept overboard, waist boards were smashed and had the movable things on deck not been lashed down they, too, would have been carried over the side.

On Monday morning, July 22, a stiff gale sprang up from the southeast. It steadily increased in force until it approached the intensity of a hurricane. About 10 o'clock, a gigantic wave swept over the schooner. Four dories, three barrels of water, a barrel of gasoline, fog horn and sounding gear were all swept into the ocean. Waist boards were smashed and it seemed as if the little craft would capsize in the terrific sea.

She righted herself and Capt. Sinnett at once ordered his crew to make preparations for riding out the gale. The schooner was "drugged," that is, 60 fathoms of cable, three barrels of salt water were thrown out and the balloon jib was rigged as a drogue. By this means the schooner drogue. By this means the schooner was able to keep head on to the wind

and yet would drift safely without rolling and pitching too much.

The wind in the meantime had hauled into the northwest and the Palmer began to drag before it. For 60 hours the gale continued. All the while the schooner deck was awash and the men were forced to remain below. The water they had for drinking consisted of half a barrel full and they were nearly on short rations of it.

By Wednesday morning the storm had spent itself. The Palmer had drifted nearly a hundred miles and was now 150 miles southeast of Cape Sable. A day or two more was put in in fishing and then Capt. Sinnett laid his course for home. He arrived in Portland Sunday night. By that time the fresh water had about gone and the men were facing a serious problem.

Similar, though not so bad, was the experience of the schooner W. H. Reed of this port which also arrived at Portland on Monday. Capt. Henry Arsenault reported that he, too, had been fishing on Brown's bank and felt the same gale that hit the Palmer. No damage was done to the craft, however, though she rode out the storm under bare poles. Once during the trip the Portland schooner was sighted.

The Reed had a fare of 47 fish and the 88 swordfish brought in by the two vessels are the first to be landed in Portland this season as regular fare. There has been an occasional one brought in but no real trip. The fish were bought for 11 cents a pound.

THE SALT FISH MARKET QUIET.

The market for salt fish remains quiet but steady, both for home and export trade. Prices for codfish are steady in New York, and apparently unaffected as yet by the slump at Lunenburg.

About three-fourths of the Lunenburg spring catch of cod has been already disposed of at a little over \$4, says the "Maritime Merchant," and it is believed that the remainder of the fishing run will be sold around the same figure. It is understood that bad weather in Norway has delayed the making of the fish, so that the Lunenburg stocks will have the call for present and early future demands for new goods. It is hard to say what

will become of the considerable stocks of old fish on hand, but now that the new codfish is showing in the market the disposition of last season's goods will become more and more in urgent question. As soon as the announcement is made of the prices for the summer Norway catch, the position of the holders of old stocks will become clearer.

The opinion prevails in some quarters that the big Norwegian catch will tend to depress the values of all fish below the highest class; that No. 1s will keep their place at the head of the list on their merits, but that inferior grades or poorly-cured fish will suffer in competition with the goods from Norway. The moral, therefore, is: make your fish as fine as possible, and thereby command good prices.

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ONE ARRIVAL THIS MORNING.

Sch. Tacoma Has a Small
Halibut Fare. One Craft
from Boston.

The only arrival during the forenoon was sch. Tacoma from halibut-ing, the craft hauling for 10,000 pounds of halibut, 30,000 pounds of fresh fish and 14,000 pounds of salt fish.

Down from Boston is sch. Rob Roy with 15,000 pounds of fresh fish, left over from yesterday which went to the splitters.

Steamer Quoddy brought in 120 barrels of bluebacks which were taken in Ipswich Bay, which was the only one of the gasliners reported.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Rob Roy, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., seining, 3000 tinker mackerel. (Went to Boston.)

Str. Quoddy, seining, 120 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Tacoma, halibuting, 10,000 lbs. halibut, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish, 14,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Monarch, seining.

Sch. Dorcas, seining.

Str. Lois H. Corkum, seining.

Str. R. J. Kellick, seining.

Sch. Eglantine, drifting.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.87 1-2; snappers, \$2.
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.00 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$2.87½; snappers, \$2.00.

Dory handline codfish, large, \$3.50; medium, \$3.12½; snappers, \$2.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½; mediums, \$3.50.

Drift codfish, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.37½.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.25.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$11 per bbl.; blinks, \$7.00 per bbl.

Fledged halibut, 8c per lb.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 70c per cwt.

Peak and Cape North cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.00; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 70c.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock 80c, round 70c.

Bank halibut, 8½ per lb., for white; 6¼c for gray, 4c for chicken.

Fresh mackerel, 30c for large, 20c for medium.

Fresh shad, \$3.50 per bbl., fresh; \$2.50 per bbl. to salt; \$3.00 per bbl., to freezer.

Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl. for bait; 75c per bbl. for oil.

Fresh herring, \$1.50 per bbl. to freezer; \$2.50 per bbl. for bait.

The Japs Fleet of Trawlers.

Japanese agents are at present in England purchasing modern steam trawlers for the organization of a fleet, comprising about 25 vessels, for the development of their fisheries, says the Fishing Gazette. The first four trawlers secured will leave Grimsby in a few days for Nagasaki, manned by experienced British fishermen, who will teach the Japanese British methods of trawling. This scheme is the direct outcome of the interest shown by the Japanese government in fisheries, for during recent years they have maintained a number of students at Grimsby, where they learned every branch of the industry by individual apprenticeship.

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GOOD PRICES AGAIN TODAY.

Few Crafts at T Wharf and
All Will Profit Well.

The swordfishermen are doing well these days, and this morning two of the fleet are again at Boston with nice trips.

They are the down east sch. Loch-invar with 80 fish, and sch. Lafayette, Capt. George Peebles with 107 fish. Both crafts got a good price for their catch, the market quotation on swordfish this morning being 11 1-2 cents a pound.

T wharf dealers also had an ample supply of groundfish, the offshore arrivals being schs. Leonora Silveria, 60,000 pounds; Mary B. Greer, 50,000 pounds; Elmer E. Gray, 43,000 pounds; Mary C. Santos, 30,000 pounds; steamer Surf, 60,000 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$2.75 to \$3 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$6 and \$7, market cod, \$3.50 to \$5, pollock \$5 and cusk, \$3, hake, \$5.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Leonora Silveria, 45,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1500 pollock, 1700 halibut.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4 swordfish, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 40,000 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 12,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Marion, 1000 cod, 2 swordfish, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 42,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Marguerite McKenzie, 5200 cod.

Str. Surf, 48,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 2000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Arthur James, 100 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 200 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Str. Naomi Bruce, 35 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Str. Margaret D., 3000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Lochinvar, 80 swordfish.

Sch. Lafayette, 107 swordfish.

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ONE OF HER CREW STILL MISSING.

Sch. Rob Roy in from
Georges With Flag
at Half Mast.

Sch. Rob Roy arrived here this morning with her flag at half-mast for two of her crew who got astray.

Out on Georges bank, two weeks ago two men strayed off in the fog. One of the men, Minot Snow, has been brought in by the sch. Gladys and Nellie, which picked him up after he had spent 24 hours in his dory. The other man had not been heard from. The lost man is Frank Redmond, a young Newfoundlander.

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BEAM TRAWLING ORDERS HELD UP

An effort to enact a bill providing \$7500 for the investigation of beam trawling was prevented in the House yesterday on the objection of Representative Sisson of Mississippi. The passage of this bill would virtually have completed the legislation, as a provision for a \$5000 appropriation for similar purposes was approved by the Senate a few days ago.

There is yet a prospect that it will be adopted when the appropriation bill carrying the Senate provision comes back to the House.

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THE DRY FISH SITUATION.

Lunenburg Reports Bank
Cod are Moving
But Slowly.

The dry fish situation has changed but little during the past month says the Halifax Herald. Deliveries of Lunenburg bank cod are progressing slowly, most contracts calling for the same figures in vogue during the latter part of June. A few cargoes are said to be remaining unsold and local buyers were expecting their transfer would be at a further price concession. This, however, has not materialized to date and present indications do not point to any stray fares being marketed under four dollars per quintal.

Recent bad weather and Monday's gale are responsible for light shore receipts, while during the previous fortnight the risk of burning the fish was too great to permit drying operations by the fishermen. These combined handicaps have proved quite a setback and with the extremely hot days of August before us larger arrivals of dried fish cannot be counted on until September first, when cooler weather will afford the men an opportunity to resume their labors along this line.

Exporting to the south at the present time is obstructed by various stumbling blocks, political unrest and quarantine laws being the chief factors.

The last Pickford and Black steamer sailing to Cuba was cancelled owing to the revolution which has had the effect of stagnating business and causing matters generally to be as unsettled as could be feared.

Another serious drawback to the exporting trade has been the bubonic plague, the prevention of which has resulted practically in the closing of Havana and adjacent ports.

The same situation is to some extent reflected in Porto Rico, where strictly enforced quarantine regulations are hampering shipments in that direction. Altogether it may be stated that the exporter's life has not been, during the past month, at least, a happy one, as lower quotations at points of supply have been followed by corresponding reductions at nearly every place abroad in any way connected with the industry.

Trinidad reports a congested mart with subsequent low values prevailing. At Barbados, and Kingston, Jamaica stock of all grades is selling low.

Although holdings in Halifax warehouses are not in any great volume, orders are few and the appetite of buyers badly needs a tonic to stimulate trade.

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In Full Swing.

Fishing operations of the British Columbia Fisheries, Ltd., are in full swing, although its big plant at Skidgate, Charlotte Islands, is not fully competed. W. V. Doughty, general manager, who is the son of Sir George Doughty, the famous fish magnate of Grimsby, England, says the company expects to put up 20,000 cases this season, and that it is intended to extend operations in the fall, when two trawlers now being built at Grimsby will reach the halibut banks. A cold storage plant is also to be erected at Porpoise Harbor.

Belle Isle Prospects.

A correspondent writing from the Straits of Belle Isle to the St. John's, N. F., Chronicle on the 8th inst., states: "There is no promise of a good fishery in the Straits. We had the caplin school for a week, but cod fish very scarce. The field ice is all gone, but icebergs are innumerable, which makes it dangerous to shipping with the weather winterlike." A week later the same party writes. "Since writing the above there has been a little change for the better in fishery matters."

Fitting For Seining.

The steamer Sawyer, purchased by Capt. George E. Heckman at Milbridge, Maine, is now fitting at this port for seining under command of her new owner.

BLUEBACKS FOR FREEZER.

Several of the Little Fellows
Made Good Hauls
Yesterday.

One off shore trip and another down from Boston was all that there was in here this morning in the line of fresh fish.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Frances J. O'Hara arrived with 50,000 pounds and this morning the sch. Mary B. Greer brought down about 22,000 pounds from Boston to split.

Several fares of bluebacks were landed yesterday, some of which went for bait and the remainder to the freezer.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., Brown's Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston, 22,000 pounds fresh fish.

Str. Marchant, seining, 81 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Independence, seining, 120 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Pegasus, seining, 60 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Rough ider, seining, 70 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Quoddy, seining, 110 bbls. bluebacks.

Str. Onita, seining, 5 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, 100 bbls. fresh tinker mackerel, 30 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.

Sch. Preceptor, halibuting, 17,000 lbs. halibut, 8000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vesse's Sailed.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibuting.

Sch. Stiletto, seining.

Sch. Vistor, seining.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, Boston.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, Boston.

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Pollock, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.25.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$9 per bbl.

Fledged halibut, 8c per lb.

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Bank halibut, 13 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and gray.

Fresh mackerel, 30c for large, 20c for medium; \$3.50 per bbl. for tinkers.

Fresh shad, \$3.50 per bbl., fresh; \$2.50 per bbl. to salt; \$3.00 per bbl., to freezer.

Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl. for bait; 75c per bbl. for oil.

Fresh herring, \$1.50 per bbl. to freezer; \$2.50 per bbl. for bait.

A 17 DAY TRIP, \$4300 STOCK.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Lemuel Spinney made the dandy stock of \$4300 from her recent halibuting trip, the crew sharing \$119 as the result of 17 days work.